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FLOOD CONTROL CHANNEL TO BE EXTENDED.

Mr. Berghorn at Coachella Valley Water District Office states that money has been appropriated for the flood control channel that will be extended across highway 74 at its present termination to Section 31, thence North.
It would pick up water from Cat Creek.
Flags from survey merely follow the areas where it would be the channel of the greatest amount of run-off in case of excessive water.
According to members of the planning commission, any used highways disturbed by the flood control program must be replaced.
The water district is chiefly an irrigation authority, but also works on flood control problems in the entire valley.
Local people feel that the mounds of dirt erected in the present flood control program are unsightly.
If any amount of needed work is done in section 36, local residents are advised to express the type of flood control they seek to:
Mr. Tyler Suess;
c/o County Planning Office
Riverside, Cal.
or
Mr. George V. Berkey
Supervisor 4th District
Indio, Cal.
or Mr. Berghorn
c/o Coachella Valley Water Dist. Office,
Thermal, Cal.
Favorable action depends on informing the proper authorities before final decisions have been made.

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Residents planning to leave any plants without water during the hot season should lessen the amount of moisture each day until the plant becomes able to survive without surface moisture.

Dear Mrs. Schaak,
What is a community service district? Is it good? What can it do for us?

EDITORIAL

This is a compilation of the questions of local people.
1. A community services district is a method of governing unincorporated territory. It may operate a water facility. It may build roads. It may police an area. It may build a library. The county will collect taxes for the district.
2. Is it good? It is good, if properly used. The District in Palma Village is served by Mr. H.O.Davis, business man and executive. He founded the district, even offered to advance $116,000 for buying the water system that had been built by the subdividers. He formed the district and has served as president without pay ever since its start. All members of the board serve without pay.
When the district started, it had about 100 meters. The man who managed the office worked part time. It now has about 600 meters, a full time manager and one full time helper.
Cahuilla could have 11 meters, if all full time residents could afford the cost of installation. A generous estimate of 20 additional meters using minimum water supply would not provide sufficient revenue to pay one part time worker.
Is it good? The community service district would be excellent if Cahuilla would be able to buy water from an established public utilities concern. Newsletter has proposed this means and will continue to do so. It cannot conscientiously endorse anything else. (More will be offered, the result of years of study.)

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Mr. and Mrs. O.W. Snook have been spending many of the pleasant spring days in Cahuilla.
Recent visitors in cluded Mr. and Mrs. Nick Eidam and Miss.Jessie Snook and Mrs. Anna Hood, Mr. Snook's sisters.
Nick and Zilda Eidom come from the town of College near Fairbanks in Alaska, where Mr. Eidom was with the Rural Electrification project for many years before his retirement.
He and his wife have a lodge at which they entertain parties of people who take the trip down the Yukon.
They spent the winter in the south but were eager to return to Alaska to prepare for their summer activities.

Mrs. William Gaston spent the last week-end in the desert. She came down with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perryman. The Perrymans are in Hollywood working on motion pictures that they have shot both in Washington and nearby areas recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Rube P. Hoffman entertained guests from Indiana, cousins of Mrs. Hoffman at their cottage recently. Mr. Hoffman has recently returned from New York . He was on a business trip. His son, Mr. Phillip Hoffman was also in New York.
Miss Vera Versell and guests hiked the "disappearing wilderness" that is Cahuilla.
Dr. William Brenner was a week-end visitor

Mr. and Mrs. Amon Brown and the three children were recent visitors at the home of Mrs. Mora Brown. Mrs. Brown is winding up her affairs in Cahuilla in order to return to Sequoia Park for her annual summer stay.
Mrs. Brown hopes to train a promising young person for her responsibilities in the park,as she is eager to spend more time at her home in Cahuilla.
Mr. and Mrs. Tom McGuire were recent visitors in Cahuilla.Etta is feeling strong and well,and hopes to be able to return very soon to her Cahuilla home.
Mr. and Mrs. Mike Richter visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Murray.
Mrs. Alice Muro has been spending some time in Cahuilla. She enjoys the activities at Shadow Mountain Club and often attends their affairs.
Mr. and Mrs. Everett Schilling are also interested in the many glamorous events of the exclusive local club.

Dear "Maw " Schaak,
We recently got a copy of the Feb. 15 issue of Palm Desert News and enjoyed your George Washington, Abe Lincoln, Troop 65 (Boy Scouts of West Los Angeles) inspiration writing. Some of the boys have had the opportunity of reading it and, naturally, their pride has risen considerably.
That was a particularly trying trip for me. The troop was slipping badly and we were looking for another "Miracle of Cahuilla Hills".
As it worked out, your timely appearance on the scene and kindly interest--our ability to do a little bit for Doctor Brenner.. and several other events went to shape up a decidedly successful trip.
As we were leaving, we met a dar deeply bogged down in the middle of the desert.
Our troop quickly went into action while the elderly couple watched. I say watched..for the man was blind. But with two scouts holding his arms, he said that he could see..the spirit of the boys and the spirit of the desert about.
The action was so organized and successful that it gave the scouts and others watching a deep sense of dedication which has carried back to the troop activities in the city, and put new life and vigor into the cause.
We all appreciate your special interest and extend our thanks and very best wishes.
Joseph Spievak.
(Newsletter hopes that the scouts may return soon.
Several members of Section 36 are scout leaders including Mr. George Schubert, Dr. Lawrence E. Reck, and Mr. Jones.
Mr. Morris Spievak, and of course, Elsie, have been most generous in sharing their cottage with others.
Newsletter strives to maintain a wilderness area in the section because it is important that old and young may have a place to relax away from the restrictions of the city.
These scouts camped next to Cactus Acres and may be proud that not one precious desert plant was disturbed or destroyed by them.

The many friends of Mr. Curtis Steen will be happy to learn that he was at his desert house recently.

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